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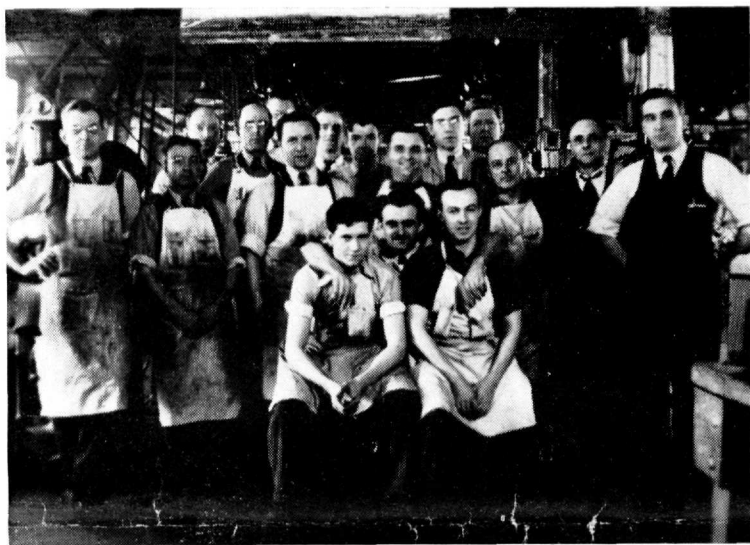
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WHAT DOES AMERICANISM MEAN TO YOU?

RECALLING FOND MEMORIES FOR THE MACHINE SHOP



The Machine Shop gang as they appeared in 1937, was the nucleus of the present Shop -- a swell crowd, then and now. Center three: James Martin of Detroit is the son of Charles of Maintenance; Dominic Scerbo now in New York; and Richard Mazinski, a machinery sales representative. Standing: Al Hamer, Roland Bartlett Sr., deceased -- (Roland Jr. now works in the Machine Shop); John Walsh; Clarence Brown of Pittsfield; Schuyler Dean (barely visible); Bill Landry, now in St. Louis; Herbert Clark in Maine; John Murray Sr., deceased (John Murray Jr. now works in the Machine Shop); Silbert Martin; Charles McCann, (Vocational Director at Drury); Harry Cassidy; William Bellows; Thomas Francis; and foreman T. J. Rondeau, present head of Machine Shop. A.B. Lindquist, present foreman, was absent when snapshot was taken.

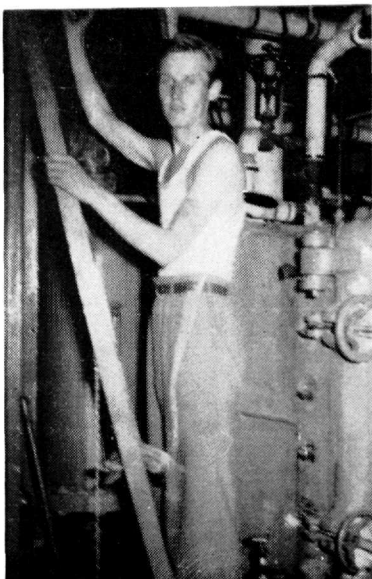
Socha's Saga Highlights "One World"

Born in the States, Served in Polish Army and Marries English Girl

Bronislaus Socha employed in the Impregnating Department of Industrial Oils is a fine example of friendly international relations. Of Polish extraction, Bronislaus is American born. His mother died while he was an infant, and as a baby, he was sent back to Poland to be brought up by his grandparents. Here he received his schooling. These wise grandparents, sensing that there would be a worldwide conflict, insisted that Bronislaus come back to America. He returned to Adams and without a job, first joined the C.C.C., then later entered the employ of the Sprague Electric Company in 1941. He had been with us but three months, when he felt that his duty was to aid Poland, and went to Canada to join the Free Polish army. He was shipped overseas in the fall of '41 and served with that contingent seven months.

Transferred to U. S. Army

Because this lad could speak Polish he transferred to the regular Polish army and spent the next two years with this group. Meanwhile the United States entered the war -- and when the lad's name came up in the draft, and



Bronislaus Socha on the job in the Impregnating Department.

Washington realizing that he was an American citizen, had him transferred to the American army, 66th Infantry Division. Bronislaus was wounded twice -- first at Normandy, later, as the American troops neared the Siegfried line, he received a severe leg

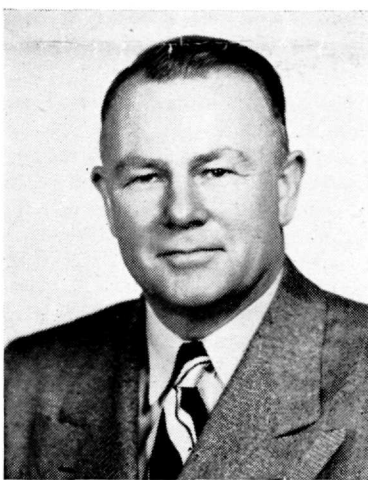
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Welcome To . . . William M. Adams

We are glad to welcome William McMillan Adams to the staff of the Sprague Electric Company. Mr. Adams will be in charge of export activities.

Formerly associated with the United States Rubber Company, a former president of the New York Triplex Safety Glass Company and previously managing director of Fortnum & Mason of New York, an off-shoot of the famous London store of the same name, Mr. Adams has had a distinguished military as well as business career.

He was born in Paris of American parents and was educated at Eton



William M. Adams

college and Cambridge university in England where he majored in mechanical engineering. One of the 500 survivors of the torpedoing of the Lusitania in which 1,500 lives were lost during the early days of World War I. Mr. Adams later served in France with the American army Signal corps and

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What Happened To Whizzer Razor Blades

"Another batch of punk ones" sighed Willie McGoon as he heaved a skid-load of Whizzer rejects into the furnace. Up curled the blades like little red wafers and up went the unit cost of Whizzer blades another fraction of a cent. This made the fifth whole day's production that Willie had tossed out within the last two months. First the trouble had been in the hardening room, then in the perforating department, and now it seemed to be in the grinding room because the inspectors had labelled this batch as "Improperly ground." Probably next week troubles would develop in the Finished Honing Section.

Whizzer blades had been launched with lots of hoop-la and plenty of moo-la for advertising. It looked as though Glendale had another going

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Can You Explain What You Mean By The American Way?

Free Enterprise, Rugged Individualism, and many other terms are used to show the difference between the American Way of life and that of other countries.

A great public poll showed that people selected from all walks of life found it difficult to explain just what these phrases meant, but when asked to tell what AMERICANISM means they had no trouble at all. In big cities, small cities, on farms, or in the backwoods, AMERICANISM means one and the same thing. It stands for that pioneering spirit and independence of thought and action which have characterized the people of our country since they first landed on these shores in 1620.

Ask anybody in North Adams and the Northern Berkshires what is meant by AMERICANISM. You may get a somewhat different answer from each person you ask, but back of the words will be that same basic meaning. Here you don't have to explain AMERICANISM and what it stands for, because North Adams and the Northern Berkshires demonstrated it completely during the last war.

Out in the timberlands of Wisconsin fifty years ago, the people were still pioneering woodsmen. As the timberlands were cut over, they built homes, churches, and schools, and out there today is a small college which started as an academy. Practically every graduate has worked his way 100 per cent. For years the new students would enter the freshman class with

\$5.00 or less in their pockets. Today hundreds of these students have become important men and women in every walk of life. They got their education the hard way. They built their homes the hard way. They served their country the hard way, the American Way.

One of these graduates, who served on General Eisenhower's staff, delivered the principal address at this small college last June. After describing Europe as he had seen it during the war and since the war, he described his more recent experience in Russia where he talked with people of all types. He said "I could talk until morning telling you about Russia and its grim, uncompromising life. Things we in America take for granted,--the movies, taxi-cabs, a seat on the train, 5 and 10

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RHENEN SCHOOL SENDS GREETINGS



Actual picture of a group of the boys and girls of the Rhenen, Holland school which Sprague Electric employees sponsored this past year.

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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MEANING OF AMERICANISM

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cent stores, attractive shops, a ride in the country, a fishing trip, vacations to pleasant and interesting scenes — all these are unknown to millions in that vast union where, theoretically, everything is equally divided.

Americans are Lucky People

"You know, we have been very lucky to be born Americans.

"Living in a land of great abundance, without much conditioning to the poverty and oppressions of Europe and Asia, we have for generations taken our blessings much for granted. Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness — guaranteed in the Constitution — were accepted, without much thought that one day they might exact a price.

"Oh, to be sure, we fought when they were threatened. We defeated within the last thirty years, two full-scale attempts to overthrow our freedom. A quarter million gave their lives to preserve it this last war.

"But it has not really occurred to most Americans that, in our normal

living, we owe a definite responsibility to the country. That, DAY BY DAY — in our God-given privilege to exercise freedom of worship, speech, movement and thought — THAT FREEDOM MAY NOT COME FREE!

"Instead, it is going to require more and more unselfish service. More righteous building, and jealous guarding, more fortifying with good and constructive deeds—more of what General Eisenhower calls "Selling the American idea."

My America!

"It matters not what form that effort may take. Whether it be in your teaching of others, in business, in professions or in sincere politics—when the time comes you will, at home or in distant lands, stand up to any detractor and say:

"This is MY America. I am both its shareholder and its defender. By any effort — great or small — I mean to prove it is best."

OUR SAFETY CORNER



Too far to reach, but a swell way to invite a serious accident.

WHIZZER BLADES

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industry and Glendale really needed it because jobs were scarce now that the war orders had ceased long since.

During that summer Willie kept carting out loads of spoiled blades. Whizzer's business showed absolutely no improvement and customers were constantly complaining. On the other hand, the Whippo-roo Razor Blade Company forty miles down the pike was going full blast, hiring more people every week, and creating a new prosperity in the little town where Whippo-roo was located. This was because there was little spoilage in the various departments.

Watch that spoilage record. Scrap means high unit costs and a poor competitive position. Many a company has been ruined because of the junk heap. Let's keep the size of the scrap heap here at Sprague's to a minimum.

SPORTS

Bullett and Russell



Ness Roberts with his prize catch.

Trout Fishing -- One More Week To Run

At this writing the fishing season for trout has one more week to run. The season has been a dismal one for the most part — with high water and cold at the opening of the season, and continuous rains from May through July providing constant food for all streams and lakes. Artificial lure could not entice the trout, with neither the old standby the earthworm, nor the night crawler successfully bringing in the finny family... But with vacations in full swing, we should have heavy catches of pickerel, pike, bass and other scrappy fish.

Mancuso -- Official Judge At Boxing Matches

The past two cards of boxing, being held weekly at the Meadowbrook Arena, have been dandies and the fans have shown their appreciation by their patronage. When Willie Pep the featherweight champ came to the local arena, the place was well filled by some 2200 fans. Incidentally, with the Pittsfield Boxing Club suspending operations, due to financial losses, the home club should benefit by drawing fans from the Pittsfield area.

Our Pete Mancuso, member of the Sprague Athletic Board, and in charge of Check Inspection at Brown Street, is an official judge at the majority of these boxing shows and does a very capable job.

Crusaders Still Unbeaten

The St. Anthony Crusaders are still undefeated on the diamond—that is, in the Northern Berkshire Twilight League. Greylock is in second place—two games off the pace. With the collapse of the Berkshire Semi-Pro League in the second half, most clubs are now running on an independent schedule and undoubtedly more of the down-country semi-pro aggregations will be seen in this area.

WILLIAM M. ADAMS

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the air corps and after the war became assistant military attache of the American embassy in London. Re-entering the service in World War II as a captain, he was promoted through the grades to a colonelcy, attached to the general staff, and saw service in the African and European theaters, winning the Legion of Merit, Air medal, British Military cross and Chilean Order of Merit. He has traveled extensively and speaks several languages. Mr. Adams will make his headquarters in the company's general office here.

Inter-plant Softball Stages Tournament

Elimination Contests Held July 25 to 29
Finals to be Played August First

The Inter-Plant Softball League will wind up its first year's activities with the staging of an elimination tournament, starting July 25th and with the final game scheduled for August first. The following games will be played, with all games starting at 6:30 P.M. at the Sprague Recreation Field in Blackinton. Pre-tourney favorites in their respective brackets are the

Machine Shop in the Upper Division and the Sprague Products in the lower group.

UPPER DIVISION

K.V.A. meets Brown Street Maintenance on July 25th.

Winner of these two contests meet on July 28.

LOWER DIVISION

Office met A.C. Drys on July 24.

Foremen to play Sprague Products on July 28.

Winner of these two contests meet on July 30.

FINALS

Winner in the Upper Division will meet winner of the Lower Division on Friday, August 1st to determine the championship.

If the weatherman makes with some decent weather there will be a lot of baseball crowded into one week's time. That final game in the playoff should be a humdinger.



Alice Senecal and her rainbow trout.

Cornish Wire--Tops League, Sprague In Second Place

Cornish Wire tops the race of the Dusty League in the second half, with Sprague Electric in second place. Sprague was setting a merry pace until encountering the Cornish Wire nine when the latter emerged victorious. Then a rude jolt was handed the local team when Arnold Print Works of Adams came up with one of its good games and dumped the Electrics right out of first place. This Arnold team, incidentally, is the only outfit to beat the strong Cornish Wire this year.

—K. Russell

SPORTS MUSINGS

Specs DeGrenier, foreman of Stitching Department, Beaver, is having a great season with the Elks Softball team. Specs is playing shortfield and his lusty hitting has aided the Elks no end in their recent 8 game winning streak... The Inter-Plant Softball League is back in action after the holiday layoff and numerous cancellations — with stiffer competition as the wind-up of the League is near at hand... "Tank" Wilson, Athletic Director, and Bob Sprague Jr. have advanced to the finals in the doubles division of the tennis tournament being held at Williamstown... Bleachers for the convenience of local softball enthusiasts have been erected on all softball fields in this city by the Recreation Commission. Incidentally, the Commission has all local playing surfaces in tip-top shape this summer...

...Kenny Russell, my sport writing colleague, has found himself in the Gale lineup in the local baseball league and his all-around play has helped to rejuvenate the shoe workers who have been making all opponents go the limit to bump them off... Umpires are blossoming out all over the Sprague plants. Arbiters in the City Softball League include Bob Garner, Hank Gamari, Orrie King, Harold Bohl and Crawford Bellows — all of whom have been giving good accounts of themselves.

—B. Bullett

What! . . .

No Bathing Beauties

Here it is, the height of the summer and vacation season, and no pictures of bathing beauties have come to the Log Desk, — and Sprague girls can top the list when it comes to looks! What to do! What to do!... We must have something with the bathing beauty angle... Ah, we have it — we'll publish the story of the Bathbrushradio — with appropriate accompanying picture. Hope you like it.

BATHBRUSHRADIO



As we all know, the male of the species has things all his own way in the bathroom. He can sing in his best tenor voice, every conceivable operatic air. If he cannot sing, he can whistle, taking advantage of the acoustics of the bathroom.

Woman, however, is handicapped. Research engineers have found that her voice does not suit bathroom acoustics.

To rectify this insufficiency, I have incorporated with the usual bathbrush a small radio as illustrated. You appreciate that this type of radio — which gets submerged under water and is splattered with soap — must be absolutely waterproof. There is no difficulty to that nowadays. Emerson Radio built a submersible receiver for the Marines during the war, as you will remember.

The brush has a small battery-operated set. While mildly scrubbing her back she listens to her soap-opera in privacy, having herself a fine time at the same time.

Beaver News

F. P. Drys

By Rose Righi

Vacations are in full swing, and were enjoyed by the following:

Irene Jones—painted old New York, red.

Viviane Delisle—home, for a rest, but was interrupted by company.

Lorraine Marceau—at home, with the boy friend.

Wayne Damon—returned from Canada with a moustache. Pretty Sharp!

Jerry La Roche—a quiet time at home with his family.

Florence Harris—just a-resting at home.

John Pierce—returns from Lake Champlain displaying a lovely pair of sunburned knees.

Margaret LaCrosse—with her husband, did the town of New York.

Dorella Blanchard—toured Canada, also Highgate, Vt.

Yours Truly—honeymooned in Boston and Lake Winnepesaukee.

Payroll

By Tree Mosquitoes

A buffet supper for Ruth Brown was held Monday, July 14th, at Fort Massachusetts. Ruth received a beautiful gift. Thanks go to Mr. Gordon in aiding us to stall Ruth until all of us had arrived. (For a while, we wondered if our guest of honor would put in an appearance at all!) It was grand seeing our former co-worker, Ida Lovett again, and learning that she is helping out this summer at the Girl Scout camp. A fine time was had by all.

Congratulations on the birth of a son to our former co-worker, Irene Koscielniak.

Our reporter, Priscilla Northup, is enjoying a vacation at home. Eunice Swartzler is also enjoying her vacation.



Richard Cardinal, son of Unis, formerly of Paper Rolling, and grandson of "Doc" Estes of Maintenance, Brown Street. Dick, though only 4 ft. tall, stars in baseball and basketball.

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massacconi

Welcome to our Department, Frank Segala.

Vacationists:

Grace Roberts—at home

Hal Shihel—at home

Margaret O'Neil—N. Haven, Conn.

Mary Roberts—Lake St. Catherine

Francis Messina—Richmond, Va.

Evelyn Davis—at home

Doris Harvey—Vergennes, Vt.

Francis Messina said, when leaving for Richmond, Va., that he was going there to fish. *Fishing for what?*

A New One! Jimmy Mills goes to bed, but leaves his alarm clock in the kitchen.

Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Aboard our Vacation Special:

Jeff Barry enjoyed two weeks in the Adirondacks.

Edith Dean visited in W. Springfield.

Anna Deep traveled to Boston.

Ethel Fasser has returned after enjoying short pleasure trips about the countryside.

Teresa Vono returned with a beautiful tan acquired at the Connecticut beach.

Mildred Bathaway says she spent her vacation "traveling."

Rosella Ledger, Ida Guan and Millie Letalien enjoyed well-earned rests at home.

Larry Bergeron is with Company K at Camp Edwards for two weeks.

Dot Lavigne claims that Frances Roy is now better known as "Debutante" or "Debby" Roy.

Upper Offices

By "Do" and "Flo"

Since vacations seem to be the main topic of discussion, we'll see who went where and why.

Marion Pinsonneault managed a week at Lake George and another in New York (m-m). From what we hear—and we hear plenty—Marion had a swell time at both places.

Tom Cullen spent a happy week moving into his new apartment on Arnold Place—that may sound like work, but for Tom, it was a pleasure. Right, Tom?

Ralph Boisjolie had a full week of lazying about—part at Hampton Beach, the other half at home.

John Alexander chose Hyannis, Cape Cod, for his week's vacation. The sun must have shone far more at the Cape than it did here, John, from the looks of that swell tan.

Flo Southgate had a full program, spending her two weeks in North Carolina with her sister. Quote: Wish I could have stayed six months—nothing against North Adams, of course.

Dominic Esposito vacationed at home, doing work around his house, and spent some time out of town.

Helen Root is vacationing at Lake Champlain, and having her share of fun, according to the card we received. Alice Morrison (Mr. Ceely's sec.) is her vacation pal.

Margaret Beaupre leaves on vacation at the end of the week, and we know she'll return with a beautiful tan as she has done in the past.

Dry Rolling

By Ruthie and Whit

Our Department is very quiet—especially since two of our members, Rae St. Pierre and Marge Wittig are now enjoying their vacation at a camp, far, far from here.

Vacationists:

Eva Daignault—at home

Gloria Mirante—at home

Ari Molleur—fishing at Goose Pond, East Lee. (Glad you finally got a tent, Ari.)

Dorsey King—at home

Ernest Clement—Windsor

Steve Murack—at home

Jenny Mazza—in Maine, acquiring a beautiful sun tan (and are we jealous!)

Joe Degrenier—New York. By the way, Joe, why couldn't you pick a horse that *wins*?

Frank Wotkowicz—Lake George

Welcome back to: Irene Boschetti,

Beatrice Monette, Flora McLagan and Kay Mulcahy.

Claire Denno will become Mrs.

Walter Gliwski, August 2nd. Good luck to you!

Do we miss Joe Degrenier's remarks,

when certain persons went by!

Engineering Specifications

By Bob Garner

Farewell to Harry Martin, our fellow co-worker, who will retire to the peace and quiet of his home. Harry has been with the Company for about twelve years.

Vacationers:

Bob Windover is spending a pleasant two weeks' vacation at Lake Ashmere.

Harold May—destination unknown.

Ernest Purpura—has returned with his family from vacationing on the Cape.

Ray Lamoureux's vacation is being spent, no doubt, repairing his "troupe" of old cars which will soon be for sale.

Your reporter, accompanied by George Scarbo and Ed Hinkell of the Machine Shop, returned from a fishing trip to New Hampshire with a total catch of 112 trout between them.

Bob Pettibone is practicing the organ grinder's tune, *vocally*, so he can sell peanuts and eliminate the expense of the hand organ.

PAA. SOLDERERS ENJOY PICNIC



Back row: Lena Simonelli, Jo Martinoli, Gloria Chietini. Kneeling: Mary Burro, Jean McLagan, Mary Simonelli and Dot Shepard. The little girl in the center is Connie Mancini, niece of "Jo".

Dry Tubular Assembly

By "Connie" and "Sonni"

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Lewis on the birth of their daughter, Jane Ellen, July 6th.

Vacationers:

Sophie Bryda—at home

Tessie Czaja—Springfield and Milford, Conn.

Welcome back to Ceil Folino who recently underwent an operation. It's good seeing you look so well, Ceil.

Maggie Davis trudged all over town one Saturday looking for suitable batteries for her portable radio which she intended to use at a picnic the following day. She was so-o-o relieved when she finally got what she wanted but imagine how she felt when, on arriving at the picnic, she found she had forgotten the radio!

Andy Montgomery enjoyed a double header, played and won, by the Boston Braves. Incidentally, Andy is quite talented at writing humorous pieces.

Just call Staff Lewis, "Swablie" from now on. A few days ago, during one of our worst storms, the windows remained open. As a result, Staff spent a busy hour mopping up the floor. (My, was it clean!)

Some of us caught a glimpse of Cliff Roy's little boy in his stroller... and he certainly is cute!

Frank Bernardo claims he has a new system for getting up mornings. He now places his alarm clock out of reach, so he has to jump out of bed to turn it off. Grand idea, and it's nice to have you in bright and early, "Chief."

Silver Anniversary Greetings



Little Faisal Ali sends the best of love and wishes to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kassim Ameen on their Silver Wedding anniversary. Faisal is the nephew of Julia Ameen of PAA, Department.

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

There's more than one way to spend a vacation: Ann Kern just had a relaxing good time at home while Bill Neumann says he had a lot of hard work moving and getting settled in his own home at 5 Anthony Street. Next year, Bill, you'll have to double your fun to make up for your work this year.

A. C. Assembly

By Vi Short

Why all the competition, "Frenchy" Richards, "Dudzie" and Harvey? You seem so interested in Alice Stevens. (Cr is it her daughter?)

Margaret Anderson had visitors from Chicago and Boston over the week end.

Correction—Bert Sprague was named captain of the Softball Team and not Bert Davis, as stated in the last issue of the Log.

Helen Pietras is on vacation this week. (Getting in shape for the links, Helen?)

Ask Bill Mahoney or "Frenchy" Richards about those fifteen dollar dinners. Some dinner, eh, fellows?

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for Lena Vicari.

Pete Law attended a baseball game in Boston, recently.

Looks like "Frenchy" ran into a lawn mower again... have you seen his hair?

Dry Tubular Finish

By M. Hauptfleisch and M. Clifton

Vacationers:

Bernice DeMarsico—

Mooshead Lake, Maine

Patricia Roy—

New Jersey and New York

Mary Veinotte—

Boston and New Hampshire

Ralph Wood—Lake George

Joseph Davis—resting at home

Julius Lincoln—Old Orchard Beach

Leo Lemoine almost had a shock when Millie Clifton got out of the red on her time card last week. Nice going!

The best behaved girl in Dry Finish—Mary Veinotte.

RETAIL SALES SHIPS TO ALL PARTS OF WORLD

Now occupying considerable space in the Marshall Street Plant, the Retail Sales Department of Sprague Electric has its modest beginning some ten years ago in a corner of what is now the Beaver Street lunchroom. At that time it was staffed by three persons. Four years ago the Department had grown to such proportions that it was necessary to move to larger quarters at the Marshall Street Plant—and during peak production employed a staff of twenty persons.

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Stock, upon entering the receiving room of the Department is checked,

dated and placed in the stockroom by servicemen, Sylvia Marcell.

Other personnel include: Helen Bradshaw, stamping machine operator; the packaging girls—Patricia Donovan, Doris Hurllut, Marguerite Rice and Lorraine Giback; order fillers—Alice Malloy, Rita Zanet and Mary Daniels. Beatrice Campedelli and Madeline Januska (thoroughly inspect each carton which contains packaged units before placing the units in racks in the stockroom). Upon completion of each order which is given a 100 percent inspection by Theresa Leso, the orders are placed on a conveyor and given to the shipper, Harry Brown. Marion Rondout is supervisor and Doris Patenaude is the department clerk.

Retail sales shipments reach all parts of the United States and are exported to foreign countries.



Beatrice Campedelli and Madeline Januska placing stock in racks from the package room at the Retail Sales Department.

More Beaver Street News

Can Shop

By Harry Trombley

Welcome back from vacations: "Pinky" Sherman, Billy Fortini, Frank Morandi and of course, myself—(or should I welcome myself?)

According to Frank Morandi, he absolutely refuses to go barefoot when he works over time trying to stop a flood.

Ernie Charbonneau is going to be pretty lonesome if those pin machines are stopped.

Don Louison would appreciate all spare Logs showing his picture in which he made a home run in the opening game.

Ray Chalifoux believes in drawing attention by dropping a few boxes of material whenever he is working on it.

Bill Morandi took in the ball games in Boston while the Red Sox were at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charbonneau took in the Braves' double header on the 13th.

Jimmy Scarbo is visiting relatives in Pittsfield.

"Always get the limit"...says Bill Hussey.

This may be a rib, but I overheard Frank Morandi say: "Things don't run so smooth when I am on vacation." (Do you agree, Ted?)

Brown Street Briefs

PAA. Soldering

By Jo and Roe

Although you may need a microscope to find us, we are still here, alive and kicking—emphasis on the kicking!

Has anyone been aware of the romance budding in the heart of a certain solderer? Shades of Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet in reverse — balcony and all!

Mary and Lena Simonelli went to New York for their vacations, and had a wonderful time.

Mary Burro and Angie Cardimino have been vacationing — lucky girls!

Anna Vigna now can rest nights... No more budget to balance.

Because of shrinkage, our little sick benefit fund has been discontinued.

Beatrice Rice grows the loveliest flowers — where do you get the time, Bea?

Nellie Morin is happy this week — she's doing the talking instead of the listening. Oho, Nellie, I'll take it back!

Overheard along the line: You'll be sorry...Please, no shock...cup, cup, the top of the cup!...How do you like that!...Well, here's my advice...I'm married now!

Births . . .

Son — Stephen Craig, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smachetti, was born July 10, 1947. The mother is the former Philomena DiLorenzo of the PAA. Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Aldor Cardinal are the parents of a son born July 17 at the North Adams hospital. Aldor is employed in the Maintenance Department.

Daughter — Barbara Susan is the name of the young daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foote. Ernest is employed in the Dry Formation Department, and Alice, the mother was employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

Son—Stanley Jr. is the young son, born July 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Owczarski. The father was employed in the Payroll Department, and the mother, the former Doris Hiser, was employed in Production Engineering Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Gagne are the parents of a son born July 17. The father is employed in the PAA. Department.

Midsummer Marriages - - - -

SPRAGUE REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND ALLISON-LIGHTFOOT WEDDING



Miss Sally Lightfoot became Mrs. Jesse Allison, July 5th at Redbank, N. J. At the wedding were: Messrs. L. M. Meckler - Sprague PF Capacitor representative, N. J.; C. Frederick Petry, Sprague Electric Sales; P. B. Alger, Sprague Electric Sales; Mrs. Henry Kershen (bride's mother); Mrs. R. E. Gootee (bride's sister); Mrs. Jesse Allison and Jesse M. Allison, Rev. Roger Squire; Messrs. W. S. Trinkle, representative for Sprague Products and Sprague Electric; and C. W. Janton, assistant to Mr. Trinkle. The best man, Mr. Stuart H. Sims is not shown in picture.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davignon, married May 17, 1947. The bride is the former Norma Cardinal of Dry Tubular Assembly.

Fitzpatrick - Anderson — Miss Claire Margaret Anderson became the bride of Bernard Francis Fitzpatrick in a double ring ceremony at St. Francis church, July 12, 1947. The young couple are both employed in Sprague Electric — Claire in the Paper Rolling Department and Bernie in the Industrial Oil Department.

Engagements . . .

The engagement of Miss Edna Ann Lewis to Peter Cardimino has been announced. The wedding is planned for August 9. Edna is employed in the PAA. Department.

Miss Theresa Giroux of Boxing has announced her engagement to Joseph Pinonnault, Jr. The wedding will take place September 13.

Miss Ellenor Smith will wed Francis Romeo on August 23rd at St. Francis church. Ellenor is employed in the PAA. Rolling Department.

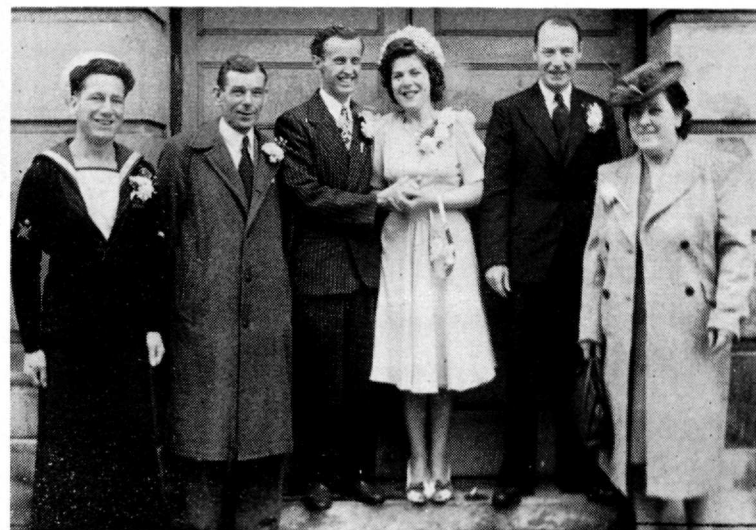
Miss Eleanor Mae Jones of the F. P. Department has announced her engagement to Rae Racette of the Dry Test Department. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Miss Jeannette Boucher has announced her engagement to Adolph Heideman, Jr. of the Networks Laboratory. No date has been set for the wedding.

Allison - Lightfoot — the marriage of Miss Sally Lightfoot to Jesse M. Allison was solemnized July 5, 1947 at the First Methodist church, Red Bank, N. J. The young couple will reside at Collingswood, N. J. The groom is a member of the Application Engineering Department, assigned to Power Factor Correction Capacitor sales.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vallieres, married March 4, 1947. The bride is the former Dorothy Garceau of PAA. Department and Paul was formerly employed in Stitching.



Mr. and Mrs. Bronislaus Socha, married in London, England, and the bride's parents at right, her cousin and uncle at left.

Tyler-LaBrecque—Miss Felixienne LaBrecque became the bride of Robert Tyler, July 19 at Notre Dame church. Mrs. Tyler is employed in the PAA. Department.

DePaoli-Dickinson — Miss Ellen Ann Dickinson was united in marriage to Olympio DePaoli, July 19 at St. Francis church. The bride is employed in the PAA. Rolling Department and the groom is employed in the Brown Street Machine Shop.

BRONISLAUS SOCHA'S SAGA

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wound which left him incapacitated for two months. He was returned to service and received a minor leg wound while approaching Munich.

While on furlough in London, Bronislaus met his wife-to-be. This first meeting was indirect — like a blind date. His chum had a girl friend, who also had a girl friend — and thus, by chance, Bronislaus met the future Mrs. Socha.

Bronislaus returned to the States and to work at Sprague Electric in January of '46. But he couldn't forget that little English girl, and in the spring of this year, flew the Atlantic, was married, and flew back again with his bride. The young couple will make North Adams their home.

Bronislaus is a splendid example of the rehabilitation of World War veterans, and one of which we at Sprague's are proud, so, to you, Mr. and Mrs. Socha, the Sprague management and employees wish the best of luck.

— K. Russell

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Retail Sales

By Little Iodine

Vacationers:

Alice Malloy—in Maine
Helen Bradshaw—Canada
Doris Patenaude—at Fair Harbor, visiting her brother
Rita Zanett—Springfield and New York

Marian Rondeau—at home, we guess. (It's a secret)

Best wishes to our newly-weds, Mrs. Deso, formerly Theresa Catrambone, and Mrs. Hurlbut, formerly Doris Burdick.

Good luck to Marjorie Rice, in her new position with the office force of Sprague Products.

Sample Lab

By the Shadow

Vacationers:

"Tete" Livingston spent a week in New York City on her honeymoon, and a week at home, fixing up her "Love Nest."

Eddie Horsfall—two beautiful weeks fishing at Packard Heights, Athol.

Frank Gregalis—at home. (Don't kid us, Frank, I bet you were everywhere else—but home.)

Don Fortini had wonderful plans in mind for his vacation — but they had to be changed since, on the first day, he cut his foot at Windsor Lake. And to top it all, he was taken sick and spent his two weeks at home, suffering. Sorry you had such bad luck, Don, but we're glad you made such a quick recovery. Better luck next year!

Rose Lisee and Mary Troia have left us to await little "bundles from heaven." Loads of luck, girls.

Everyone reported for work the morning following the heavy rainstorm, after many brave attempts to swim against the swift current to reach the sidewalk. We note that many should take swimming lessons before the next storm hits us.

D.T.Q. Assembly

By Lulu Belle

Our deep sympathy to Leona Walczak on the recent death of her father-in-law.

Vacations:

Stella Blasi—at home
Lottie Wotkowicz—Lake George
Yours Truly—at home

Stock and Incoming Inspection

By Fay Russell

Vacation Time . . .

Joe Roberts—fishing in New Hampshire
Miles Heath—

Lake Lauderdale and Boston.
Walt Burr—Dutch Hill, Heartwellville
Bob Boyer—Pumping Gas

(in a filling station)
Florence Richards—On Eagle Street, 'Hotel de Richard'

Walt Barnes—Virginia and Maine
Chuck Mulcahy—Does anyone know? Secrets, Chuck?

All have stated that they have had a wonderful time but it *didn't* last long enough.

Shipping Room

By the Gold Dust Twins

Ernest Belleau is on duty with Company K at Camp Edwards, Falmouth, Mass.

Jack Callahan returned to work after a quiet two weeks' vacation at home. 'Ceil' Trudeau spent a week's vacation at Cape Cod.

Bobby Knox has joined the tribe of "Whizzers" and is thinking of taking a trip around the world.